

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 18 were pending in this application.

Claims 1-3 and 12-16 were rejected.

Claims 1, 8, 12, 13 and 15 are amended.

Claims 7, 11, 17 and 18 are deleted.

I. Allowable Matter

The Examiner has indicated that the matter of Claims 4-11, 17 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Claims 4-11 depend from Claim 1. The matter of Claim 7 has been added to Claim 1 by amendment. Claim 7 was subsequently deleted. Claim 1, as amended, therefore represents the matter of Claim 7 rewritten into independent form.

In view of the Examiner's comments, Claim 1 and its dependent claims are believed to stand in condition for allowance.

Claim 12 is an independent claim. The matter of Claim 11 has been added to Claim 12. Claim 12 therefore represents the matter of Claim 11 rewritten into independent form.

In view of the Examiner's comments, Claim 12 and its dependent claims are believed to stand in condition for allowance.

Claims 16 and 17 depend from Claim 15. The matter of Claim 17 was added to Claim 15 by amendment. Claim 17 was subsequently deleted. Claim 15, as amended, therefore represents the matter of Claim 17 rewritten into independent form.

In view of the Examiner's comments, Claim 15 and its dependent claims are believed to stand in condition for allowance.

II. SUMMARY

Having fully distinguished the pending claims over the cited art, this application is believed to stand in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is requested to call the applicant's attorney at (215) 321-6772 in order that any outstanding issues may be resolved without the necessity of issuing a further Office Action.

Respectfully Submitted,



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